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Programme of Swearing-in-Ceremony of the President of India by Dr. Rajendra Prasad at Government House, New Delhi - Thursday, the 26th January, 1950, at 10.15 A.M.
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PROGRAMME OF SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE, NEW DELHI ON THURSDAY, THE 26TH JANUARY, 1950, AT 10.15 A.M.

10.00 a.m. 1. All Guests will be present in their seats.

10.15 a.m. 2. The Governor-General and the President-Elect enter the Darbar Hall in procession.

3. The entry will be announced by the sounding of a FANFAR by the Governor-General's Body-Guard. All present will stand when the Governor General and the President-Elect pas through the Darbar Hall.

4. The National Anthem will be played on the Governor General and the President-Elect's arrival on the dias.

5. The Governor General and the President-Elect will thereafter take their seats on the dias and all present will ~~xx~~ sit down as soon as the Governor-General and the President-Elect have taken their seats.

10.18 a.m. 6. The Governor General will read a Proclamation announcing the birth of the Republic.

10.20 a.m. 7. The Governor General will read a letter from the Constituent Assembly announcing the name of the new President of India.

10.22 a.m. 8. The Governor General will invite the President-Elect to take his chair and will himself move to the other chair.

10.23 a.m. 9. The Chief Justice of India will administer the oath of office to the President-Elect (All, except Personal Staff in attendance, will remain seated).

10.25 a.m. 10. The Governor General's Flag will be brought down and the President's Flag hoisted.

~~10.~~ 11. Simultaneously, the President's Body-Guard will shout 'Lance Carry', and the Guard of Honour will present arms in the forecourt and give the "Republic Salute".

12. The Band will play the four bars of the National Anthem.

13. T A Battery of the Indian Artillery will fire the President's salute of 31 guns.

10.28 14. On conclusion of the Salute, the President will make a short speech (All will remain seated).

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15. The Home Secretary will ask the President's permission for a Proclamation announcing the assumption of office to be sent to the heads of troops in all garrisons and the principal military stations, to be communicated to all Ministries of the Government of India, the Provincial Governments and administrations, the States Unions and the Centrally Administered Areas in the Chief Commissioners' Provinces and published in the Gazette of India.

The President will give his assent.

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16. The Home Secretary will request the President for closure of the ceremony.

17. The President will give his assent and rise.

18. The Assembly will also rise.

10.36.

19. The procession will reform and the President and the ex-Governor General, attended by the Personal Staff, will leave the Darbar Hall.

20. The President's Body Guard will sound a FANFARE and all will rise.

~~21. [illegible]~~

10.38.

21. Immediately after the President and the ex-Governor-General have left, the Prime Minister and the Ministers of the Cabinet, the Chief Justice and the Speaker will leave and proceed to ~~a room prepared~~ the upper Loggia for the swearing in of the Ministers, the Chief Justice and the Speaker.

(All guests will please remain in their seats)

10.45

The President will administer the oath 1945 Heads of Diplomatic Missions and other invited guests conducted to the Ball room of office to the Prime Minister and the Ministers of his Cabinet, the Chief Justice of India and the Speaker.

Private Secretaries 7 Aides-de-Camp 11.15

~~The President will be~~ Conducted to the Ball room where the Chiefs of Diplomatic Corps will be presented by the Chief of Protocol.

The Personal Staff will conduct the Guests to the Ball Room where they will

11.20.

~~be~~ The Ex. governor general, Prime Minister, Chief Justice & the Speaker will

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be received by the President.

The first person to be presented will be the ex-Governor General, the next the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and other Ministers and so on.

(Guests are requested to show their invitation cards to the A.D.C.-in-waiting).

Light refreshments will be served to the Guests.

The President attended by the Personal Staff will leave the Ball Room.

(Four bars of the National Anthem will be played).

The Guests will leave via the Darbar Hall steps.

NOTE - It is requested that absolute silence is maintained throughout the Swearing in ceremony.

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OFFICE OF THE MILITARY SECRETARY TO THE VICEROY.

MEMORANDUM.

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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

With compliments of

Sardar Fateh Singh,
Deputy Secretary,

to

Col. B. Chatterjee,
Military Secretary to the
Governor General.

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OFFICE OF THE MILITARY SECRETARY TO THE VICEROY.

MEMORANDUM.

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FORM OF AFFIRMATION.

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MEMORANDUM.

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FORM OF OATH.

I, ...,
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OFFICE OF THE MILITARY SECRETARY TO THE VICEROY.

Form of Affirmation
for the President.

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Form of Affirmation for Ministers including P.M.

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FORM OF AFFIRMATION.

I, ...,
do solemnly affirm that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will faithfully and conscientiously discharge my duties as a Minister for the Union and that I will do right to all manner of people in accordance with the Constitution and the law, without fear or favour, affection or illwill.

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Form of Oath
for Ministers including
PM.

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Affirmation

Form of Oath of Secrecy.
for Ministers including P.M.

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FORM OF AFFIRMATION.

I, ...,

do solemnly affirm that I will not directly or indirectly communicate or reveal to any person or persons any matter which shall be brought under my consideration or shall become known to me as a Minister for the Union except as may be required for the due discharge of my duties as such Minister.

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P R O C L A M A T I O N.

WHEREAS the people of India, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a Sovereign Democratic Republic, adopted, enacted and gave to themselves on the twenty-sixth day of November,1949, in their Constituent Assembly the Constitution of India;

AND WHEREAS it has been declared by the said Constitution that India, that is, Bharat, shall be a Union of States comprising within the Union the territories which were hitherto the Governor's Provinces, the Indian States and the Chief Commissioners' Provinces;

AND WHEREAS this, the twenty-sixth day of January,1950, has been fixed for the commencement of the said Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby proclaimed that on and from this, the twenty-sixth day of January, 1950, India, that is, Bharat, so formed into a Union shall be a Sovereign Democratic Republic, and the Union and its component units, the States, shall exercise all powers and functions of government and administration in accordance with the provisions of the said Constitution.

New Delhi
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PROGRAMME TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE HOME SECRETARY
AT THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY ON THE 26th January
1 9 5 0.

After the President of India has made a short speech the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs will advance and request the President -

" Sir, is it your order that a Proclamation announcing your assumption of office shall be issued and published in the Gazette of India; that it shall be sent for information to the Principal Military Stations; that it shall be communicated to all Ministries of the Government of India for information and issue of necessary orders; and that it shall also be sent to the States of the Union."

After the reading of the above, the Home Secretary will request the President for closure of the ceremony.

Bedi(PV)
19.1.50.

New Delhi
January 1950

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HANDING OVER NOTES

I. G.G'S RESIDENCES: Allocation of accommodation.

Offices in separate Wings with separate entrances for Officers and Clerks will not affect privacy

Necessity for G.G's Offices to be under same roof as G.G.

For G.G's Lodge, Simla; The Retreat, Mashobra; Belvedere and Doon Court - see omnibus letter and my notes to H.E. for G.G. designate.

2. DELHI ESTATE: Layout - Houses and quarters outside main Estate

3. PERSONAL STAFF: MSGG-cum-Surgeon. Pros and cons. Multifarious duties of MSGG

DMSGG. Necessity for in relation to Govt. hospitality scheme

Comptroller. ditto

ADCs 4. Adequate - Portfolios allotted to ADCs (Invitation,Stables,Garage, Library,Shooting)

VCO. ADCs. Risaldars Amir Singh (Jat) and Hakim Singh(Sikh) - see case for promotion to Risaldar Major and for revision of their pay.

Future duties of VCO.ADCs - in respect of Stables, Garage, Competition for control of garage in view of likely reduced Stable.

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4. MSGG's OFFICE: Set up (see Chart)
Promotion to be made to AS vice Sanger and others in chain
Position of Mr.B.N.Banerjee (Her Ex's Secretary)
Notes on other members of Staff

5. INVITATION OFFICE: Set up

6. CGGH OFFICE: Set up
Position of Mr. Sohan Singh

7. SURGEON: Estab.
Dispensary

8. E.E. ESTAB: Under CPWD but works carried out under financial control of MSGG. MSGG has certain financial powers otherwise sanction from G. of I. necessary.
Budget worked by E.E.

9. FIRE BRIGADE: Under (Electrical)

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10. POST OFFICE: Under G.P.O. but MSGG has large measure of control.

11. P O L I C E: Detachment Civil Police (Gunmen) under Insp. Wreaves. Wreaves due for repatriation.
C.R.P. under Capt. Webster. Share duties with Gurkhas

12. S E C U R I T Y: Outer, Inner and Isolation Cordons.
Position of posts and responsibilities
Rules for protection of "Viceroy" - to be implemented with discretion

13. TELEPHONE EXCHANGE: Efficiency.
Position of Miss John I/c
Administrative arrangements of Telephone gir
See case re. night duty pay.

Telephone system: Automatic to Main Exchange
G.H. Exchange
House telephone
Miltrunks (MSGG only)

14. BODY GUARD: Control of - see latest case with Delhi Area H.Q.
Present state of
Composition
Training
Ceremonial v. other duties. Effect of on morale - efficiency - pay.

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14. BODYGUARD: (Contd.) Effect of new pay code on Officers and men

Horse strength (see case)

Optional Chargers for Officers - correspondence with Q (see case)

Bodyguard Farm: Dehra Dun. Special position regarding Main source of B.G. Income

See Bodyguard Indenture for lease and case for St. Dunstans

15. GURKHA ESCORT: Control of - Delhi Area + MSGG

Duties (largely police - sentry work)

Delhi Area call on the Coy. for I.D. duties if reqd.

Band - one always to be at G.H.

Present one on charge to 5 Gurkha Tng. Centre Dehra Dun who are clamouring for it

DPS., AHQ (Brig. Banerjee to arrange relief)

16. SERVANTS: List of pensionable and non-pensionable categories

See case regarding proportionate pensions and gratuities for any mustered out.

Present attitude of Mussulman servants

Requirements of Embassies

Final disposal of any surplus Mussulman servants - repatriation to homes (largely U.P.) or despatch to Pakistan under escort of both B.Gs.

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17. M A L I S: See case re Mussulman malis not being allowed arrears of pay under new Pay Code.

18. QUARTERS ON ESTATE: Short of requirements
Method of distribution
Refugee squatters in Hastings Square and No. 11 Staff House

19. B A N D: Disposal of Govt. stores to Defence Dept.
Disposal of private funds to individuals
Disposal of private property (e.g. Mess articles, uniforms)

20. STABLES: Present position. How many horses required and which Coaches and other vehicles. Any disposal required
Coach horses supplied out of B.G. Estab.

21. G A R A G E: Car situation. Barely sufficient for present requirements. Heavy demand on cars and drivers. Necessity for strict control through control source
Garage Supdt. - leaving for U.K. Question of replacement. Application from Amir Khan, Head Driver for appt.

22. AIR RAID SHELTERS: Disused.

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23. RAILWAY TRAINS: Broad Guage - see case re. return of rolling stock

Metre Guage - Already returned to Rlys.

24. BOOKS OF REFERENCE RE.ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE:

Notes on the Administration of the Viceregal
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Duties of the Personal Staff

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Public money A/cs
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26. FILTERED WATER SITUATION — Ordinance re use of water for swimming, Khas Khas tatties, washing vehicles and irrigation very strict

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27. S O C I A L: Warrant of precedence - New order in preparation
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29. LORD & LADY MOUNTBATTENS PORTRAITS AND BUSTS:
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30. AIR TRANSPORT: Requirements
Air Marshal Elmhirst and staff responsible for supplying

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DEPARTURE OF G.G.
SWEARING-IN CEREMONY
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NO.35/4/49-PUBLIC
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.

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To

All Provincial Governments
Chief Commissioners.

New Delhi, (3) the 10th December, '49.

Subject:- Inauguration of the Indian Republic Celebration on 26th and 27th January 1950.

Sir,

I am directed to say that the Government of India have decided to observe the following programme in connection with the Celebrations to be held in Delhi on the inauguration of the Indian Republic on the 26th January 1950. In drawing up this programme an endeavour has been made to reconcile the need for dignity and popular appeal, on an occasion unique in the annals of our country with the limitations imposed by the need for economy. The celebrations proposed are, therefore, of the simplest consistent with the historic character of the occasion:-

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Reception by the President: The President of the Republic will give a reception in the Moghal Gardens of the Government House in the afternoon to which as large a number of persons as possible will be invited.

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By order,

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NO.35/4/49-PUBLIC
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.

From

Fateh Singh, Esquire,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

To

All Provincial Governments
Chief Commissioners.

New Delhi, (3) the 16th December, '49.

Subject:- Inauguration of the Indian Republic Celebration on 26th and 27th January 1950.

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Yours faithfully,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

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From

Fateh Singh, Esquire,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

To

All Provincial Governments
Chief Commissioners.

New Delhi, (3) the 12th December, '49.

Subject:- Inauguration of the Indian Republic Celebration on 26th and 27th January 1950.

Sir,

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